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Serial No. 10/733,976

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For: Bidirectionally Locking Safety Brake  
Apparatus For Tree Climbing  
Lanyards And Other Types of Lines  
And Safety Climbing Lanyard System  
Utilizing Same

Response Under 37 CFR 1.116

Expedited Procedure

Examiner: Robert Siconolfi

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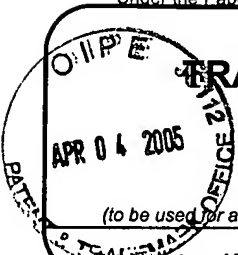
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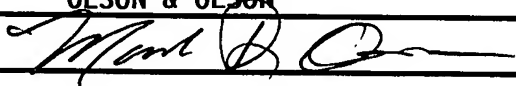
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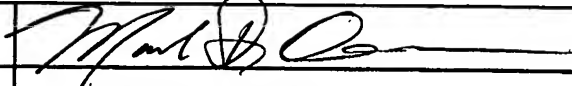
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